

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE

AT THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD IN

THE CITY OF TORONTO,

ON

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

MOTTO.

1. We heartily endorse the motto: "In essentials, Unity ; in non-essentials, Liberty ; in all things, Charity."

SPECIFIC OBJECTS.

2. We shall endeavour to advance our cause by laboring to accomplish the following objects :

To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves.

To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes ; and strengthen our attachment to our pursuits.

To foster mutual understanding and co-operation.

To reduce our expenses both individual and corporate.

To buy less and produce more, in order to make our farms self-sustaining.

To diversify our crops, and crop no more than we can properly cultivate.

To condense the weight of our exports, selling less in the bushel, and more on hoof and in fleece.

To systematize our work, and calculate intelligently on probabilities.

To discountenance the credit system, the mortgage system, the fashion system- and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy.

We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, buying together, selling together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement, as occasion may require.

We shall avoid litigation as much as possible by arbitration in the Grange.

We shall earnestly endeavour to suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry, all selfish ambition.

We shall constantly strive to secure entire harmony, good-will, vital brotherhood among ourselves, and to make our Order perpetual.

BUSINESS RELATIONS.

3. For our business interests we desire to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers, into the most direct and friendly relation possible. Hence we must dispense with a surplus of middlemen ; not that we are unfriendly to them, but we do not need them. Their surplus and their exactions diminish our profits.

We wage no aggressive warfare against any other interest whatever. On the contrary, all our acts and all our efforts, as far as business is concerned, are not only for the benefit of the producer and consumer, but also for all other interests that tend to bring these two parties into speedy and economical contact. Hence we hold that transportation companies of every kind are necessary to our success ; that their interests are intimately connected with our interest, and harmonious action is mutually advantageous, upon the principle that individual happiness depends upon general prosperity.

We are opposed to such spirit and management of any corporation or enterprise as tends to oppress the people and rob them of their just profit.

We are not enemies to capital ; but we oppose the tyranny of monopolies.

We long to see the antagonism between capital and labor removed by common consent, and by enlightened statesmanship worthy of the nineteenth century.

We are opposed to excessive salaries, high rates of interest, and exorbitant per cent. profits in trade. They greatly increase our burdens, and do not bear a proper proportion to the profits of producers.

We desire only self-protection, and the protection of every true interest of our land, by legitimate transactions, legitimate trade and legitimate profits.

EDUCATION.

4. We shall advance the cause of education, among ourselves, and for our children, by all just means within our power. We especially advocate for our agricultural and industrial colleges and public schools that practical agriculture, domestic science, and all the arts which adorn the home, be taught in their courses of study.

POLITICAL RELATIONS.

5. We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft repeated truth taught in our organic law, that the Grange is not a political or party organization. No Grange, if true to its obligations, can discuss party, political, or religious questions, nor call political conventions, nor nominate candidates, nor even discuss their merits in its meetings, nor permit any discussion upon questions on which we stand divided by party lines.

Yet the principles we teach underlie all true politics, all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country.

For we seek the greatest good to the greatest number. But we must bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron, gives up that inalienable right and duty, which belongs to every citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of his country.

On the contrary, it is the right of every member to do all in his power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he belongs.

It is his duty to do all he can to put down bribery, corruption and trickery; and see that none but competent, faithful and honest men, who will unflinchingly stand by our industrial interests, are nominated for all positions of trust; and to have carried out the principle which should always characterize every Patron, "that the office should seek the man, and not the man the office."

We acknowledge the broad principle, that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that "Progress towards truth is made by difference of opinion," while "the fault lies in bitterness of controversy." We desire proper equality, equity and fairness, protection for the weak, restraint upon the strong, in short, justly distributed burdens and justly distributed power.

It is reserved by every Patron, as his right as a free man, to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his principles. Ours being peculiarly a farmers' institution, we cannot admit all to our ranks. Many are excluded by the nature of our organization, not because they are professional men, or laborers, or artisans, but because they have not a sufficient direct interest in tilling the soil, or may have some interest in conflict with our purposes. But we appeal to all good citizens for their cordial co-operation to assist in our efforts towards reform.

CONCLUSION.

6. It shall be an abiding principle with us to relieve any of our oppressed and suffering brotherhood by any means at our command.

Last, but not least, we proclaim it among our purposes to inculcate a proper appreciation of the abilities and sphere of woman as is indicated by admitting her to membership and position in our Order.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

ASSEMBLY ROOM, PARLIAMENT HOUSE,
TORONTO, February 13th, 1883.

FIRST DAY.

The Ontario Provincial Grange met pursuant to call of the Worthy Master, who took the chair at 10 o'clock, a.m.

The roll of officers being called, the following responded to their names : Jabel Robinson, Master ; A. Gifford, Secretary ; T. S. McLeod, Overseer ; R. Wilkie, Treasurer ; W. Brock, Lecturer ; J. Holmes, Assistant Steward ; P. W. Noxon, Gatekeeper ; Mrs. L. VanCamp, Ceres.

The following were appointed to fill the places of the absent officers until their arrival : Bro. George Lethbridge, Chaplain ; Bro. J. C. Shepley, Steward ; Sister Mrs. G. Lethbridge, Pomona ; Sister Mrs. J. Robinson, Flora ; Sister Mrs. J. Garbutt, L. A. Steward.

The Worthy Master, after a few preliminary remarks, opened the Grange in due form.

The following Brothers were appointed a Committee on Credentials, viz. Hughes, Wilkie and Merkley.

The Worthy Master named Bros. T. S. McLeod, Wm. Brock and J. McManus a Committee to appoint Standing Committees.

On motion it was ordered that resolutions, except for suspension of business, shall be submitted in writing.

While waiting for the Committee on Credentials to prepare report, the Worthy Master asked for suggestions for the good of the Order, which was responded to by a number of members, Bro. Glazebrook suggesting that a short statement of the objects and aims of the Order be printed and distributed to the public, giving, in a condensed form, some of the matters he thought it would be advantageous to publish. Bro. J. Kennedy gave notice of a number of motions on various questions, and addressed the Grange for a short time, followed by an interesting discussion on the subject of Education.

Bro. Newcome, of Nova Scotia, being present, was called upon, and, in a short address, very forcibly pointed out the necessity for consolidating the Order, and, in whatever was undertaken, concentrating all our force to secure its accomplishment.

Bro. A. J. Hughes submitted Report No. 1 of Committee on Credentials as follows :

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report the following

Delegates as duly entitled to membership at the present Annual Session of the Ontario Provincial Grange :

NAME.	DIV.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.
Alexander Malcolm,	23,	Grey,	Banks.
George Lethbridge,	17,	Middlesex,	Strathburn.
Mrs. George Lethbridge,	"	"	"
J. C. Shepley,	36,	Essex,	Kingsville.
John McManus,	4,	Simcoe,	Schomberg.
T. S. McLeod,	20,	"	Dolston.
Levi VanCamp,	14,	Durham,	Bowmanville.
Mrs. L. VanCamp,	"	"	"
John Garbutt,	14,	Peterboro',	Peterboro'.
Mrs. J. Garbutt,	"	"	"
H. G. Glazebrook,	28,	Norfolk,	Simcoe.
W. J. Woods,	53,	Lanark,	Smith's Falls.
Mrs. W. J. Woods.	"	"	"
Henry Glendenning,	25,	Ontario,	Manilla.
P. W. Noxon,	41,	Prince Edward,	Bloomfield.
James Kennedy,	2,	Grey,	Sullivan.
A. J. Hughes,	9 and 10,	York,	Sharor.
Eli Merkley,	48,	Dundas,	North Williamsburg.
Robt. Wilkie,	11,	Kent,	Blenheim.
Wm. Brock,	1 and 12,	Middlesex,	Adelaide.
Jabel Robinson,	18,	Elgin,	Middlemarch.
Mrs. J. Robinson,	"	"	"

Moved by Bro. A. J. Hughes, seconded by Bro. R. Wilkie, That Report No. 1 of Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.—Carried.

The Worthy Master read the following annual address :

TORONTO, February 13th, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Provincial Grange of Ontario :

Since we met last many of us have labored long and hard to secure our winter store. In many places the crops were heavy and beaten with storms, harvesting was tedious, help scarce, wages high, and prices low, but withal we have many reasons to be thankful. It affords me much pleasure to see so many old friends here to-day, as it shows that your zeal for our noble Order has not abated. It must be a satisfaction to know that we are recognized as a body having much power and influence. The fact of the Legislative Hall being granted to our use is a sure indication that our organization is respected and approved of by the highest authority in the land. Some of our brethren are not strangers within these walls. May their numbers be increased and their voices long heard in our behalf, and for the good of our country. I trust that our deliberations here will bring forth much good to ourselves, as well as to the whole farming class throughout the Province. At our request some very objectionable laws have been removed from the statute book, while others have been modified. May we not rest content until all laws that unjustly oppress the farming community are totally abolished. The Assessment Law requires readjustment. The loan societies have mortgages on our farms to the amount of nearly \$130,000,000, but bear none of the taxation. Farming lands are only valuable to the extent of their production, and should be taxed on income, the same as mortgages, bank stock, and other values. Whatever may be our conclusions, we may rely upon it that our just demands will no longer be ignored or treated with contempt by those whose duty it is to see that justice is done to all classes.

The Patrons of Husbandry is the only organized body of farmers in Ontario, and although comparatively small in numbers their wants and grievances are shared by the whole farming community. It is our duty to be watchful and vigilant and use all lawful means at our command to prevent the creation of rings and monopolies and to sustain such legislation as will confer the most good to the greatest number, and elect men to represent us in Parliament whose interests are identical with our own. When we are blind through party prejudice, when neither reason nor justice are considered, when we vote for representatives who have no interest in common with us, when we consent to become the tools of party hacks and political tricksters whose only ambition is place and power, then truly are we to be pitied. The gigantic combinations of capital and labor can only be combatted by thorough organization.

Successful leagues having been formed against tyranny and oppression, the object once accomplished becomes no longer necessary. But so long as railway rings, salt rings, stove rings, land rings, and other combinations exist there will be a necessity for an organization of farmers. It is within the power of transportation companies and other organized trades to exact from farmers and compel them to contribute more to their wealth whenever they may decide that their profits are not sufficiently lucrative. Farmers have no means whereby they can increase the value of their productions. But through co-operation much can be done. By practising the principle inculcated in the Grange, by buying and selling together, and by consulting together, we can learn how to produce more and of a better quality. The prosperity of our country depends on agriculture, therefore agriculture should not depend on haphazard farming, but should be based on scientific principles. About seven-tenths of the people of this Province are engaged in agricultural pursuits and the others are indirectly interested. The happiness or misery of the people rests with the success of the husbandman. When he is rewarded for his toil a national thanksgiving and a general rejoicing is the result. Every effort put forth to infuse fresh life and vigor and stimulate thought and action in those who bring the bread should be hailed with delight.

It is to be regretted that greater efforts are not made through the common schools to enlighten and interest the youth on the questions that will be invaluable to them in their daily vocations. Text-books on agriculture have been recommended for use in the rural school, but so far very little has been done. Is it not absurd for farmers to be taught the first rudiments of everything except their own profession? The Agricultural College is calculated to, and has done a great deal of good. The annual reports of this institution sent to the Subordinate Granges are much prized. The experiments on cattle feeding, etc., are of great value. The report with all the appendices of the Agricultural Commission are now in our Grange libraries, and whatever speciality in farming may be followed something relating to it may be found therein.

To encourage the planting of trees and flowers is part of a patron's duty. Therefore the Act passed to stimulate all parties to foster the growth of trees for shelter, shade, and ornament should meet with our approval.

The Grange is a co-operative educating institution originated by farmers for farmers, seeking their advancement financially, socially, morally, and intellectually; for protection against the encroachments of other classes; teaching the value of reading and thinking, of time and money, of acting in unison when their rights and interests are at stake; how to do business on correct principles; to avoid litigation and keep out of debt; to take advantage of every improvement calculated to make the farm more productive; to combine theory with practice, and to obey all natural laws; to encourage no sentiment that is not in accord

with truth and justice, and to render all the assistance possible to the unfortunate and distressed; to make home the most attractive and happiest place on earth; to educate our families to habits of industry, and fit them to hold the highest position in the land, and that it is of more importance that they should be truthful, faithful, and honest, than to inherit the riches of the globe. In conclusion, let me urge you to establish a Grange with a library in every rural school section, where old and young can meet on winter evenings to receive and impart instruction, and to become fitted for future spheres of usefulness. We must remember that nothing is obtained without labor and perseverance. If we expect to reap in autumn we must sow in spring. Then let our conduct be such that when the term of our freeholds and leaseholds shall have expired and we have become tenants to a very narrow space, may it be said of us that our lives were not spent in vain.

JABEL ROBINSON.

Moved by Bro. A. J. Hughes, seconded by Bro. John McMannus, That the address of the Worthy Master be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports with instructions to have the same forwarded to the press as early as possible.—Carried.

Bro. T. S. McLeod submitted Report No. 1 of Committee appointed to name Standing Committees as follows:

Press Committee—Bros. James Kennedy, J. C. Shepley, R. Wilkie.

Committee on Commercial Relations—Bros. Wm. Brock, L. VanCamp, H. Glazebrook, A. J. Hughes, Geo. Lethbridge.

Committee on Officers' Reports—Bros. Alexander Malcolm, P. W. Noxon, Eli Merkley.

Committee on legislation—Bros. J. Robinson, J. McMannus, J. Garbutt.

Committee on Insurance—Bros. J. Kennedy, R. J. Doyle, J. Trull. In the absence of Bros. Kennedy and Doyle, Bros. O'Neill and Reid were named to act in their places.

Committee on Constitution—Bros. E. Cameron, T. S. McLeod, W. J. Woods.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. J. McMannus, That Report No. 1 of Committee appointed to name Standing Committees be received and adopted.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, That the Grange suspend business until 2 o'clock p.m.—Carried.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Grange resumed business, the Worthy Master in the chair. All officers reported present except Pomona.

The Worthy Master named Bros. Wilkie, Shepley and Miller a Committee to examine a visiting brother.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary read the following report:

Worthy Master and Patrons of Ontario Provincial Grange:

Another year has passed and we are again assembled to discuss the interests of our Order, and devise means for its advancement in the future.

During the year just closed, we as a class have been highly favored by Providence, for which we should feel truly thankful. Our fields have given us bountiful returns for our labor, and plenty prevails, enabling the farmer, if he will, to relax from the stern fight in which he is generally engaged, in his too often fruitless efforts of making income and expenses meet.

Already has the improvement in finances among farmers had a beneficial effect upon the Grange, as there has been a marked increase in the interest taken recently when compared with that prevailing in the earlier part of

the year. The report of last year included as one of the receipts for the year, dues from Division Granges amounting to \$1947.46, and covered five quarters, being four quarters of 1881 and quarter No. 4 of 1880, while for the present year (1882) there has been received from the same source \$2053.99, or an increase, when the time is considered, of over 20 per cent. This favorable showing is due largely to the resuscitation of dormant Granges and consequent payment of arrears.

A number of Granges have written asking if it will be possible for them to regain their standing in the Order without payment in full of arrears, and I would suggest that some provision be made allowing Division Granges in conjunction with the Provincial for the reinstatement of dormant Granges on such terms as may be deemed equitable and right. Recent reports from several Divisions include Granges that are in arrears, in some cases, for several quarters, though no mention is made of the fact in the reports, owing no doubt to a feeling that it will be better to lose the dues for the intervening quarters than, by insisting upon their payment, driving the delinquent Grange entirely out of the Order. But this course does not place such Granges in good standing, consequently is very unsatisfactory and open to grave objection.

During the year many letters have been received respecting the non-receipt of the "Annual Word." This difficulty could be avoided by allowing the Masters of Provincial Granges to transmit the "Word" direct to Masters of all Subordinate Granges in good standing at the commencement of the current year.

The following statement shews the receipts and expenditure for the year, from which it will be seen that though the income is largely in excess of that of the previous year, the expenses, in most items, have been materially reduced.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDIURE OF THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GRANGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1882.

RECIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Dues from Div. Granges	..\$2053 99	Dues paid Dom. Grange	..\$ 877 79
" " Sub. "	. 56 17	Cash remitted Treasurer	... 594 11
Printed matter sold	.. 18 64	Bal. of salary to Sec. (1881)	191 67
Advertisements	.. 24 00	Salary to Sec. to close 1882	223 96
		Auditors' accounts (1881)	.. 18 65
		Expenses of Executive Com.	52 80
		Printing	.. 83 50
		Telegrams	.. 3 72
		Com. on B. drafts and stamps	5 87
		Books and stationery	.. 2 39
		Postage	.. 34 86
		Sundries	.. 63 48
	\$2152 80		\$2152 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. GIFFORD.

We, your auditors, having examined the books and vouchers of the Secretary of Provincial Grange, find the same correct and satisfactory in all particulars.

L. CHEYNE,

Toronto, 13th Feb., 1883.

A. J. HUGHES.

Moved by Bro. P. W. Noxon, seconded by Bro. Wm. Clark, That the Secretary's report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.—Carried.

Bro. James Kennedy submitted the following resolution on the sale of Paris Green: Whereas, in reference to the official action recently taken by the Ontario Pharmaceutical Council in effect that merchants shall not be allowed to sell Paris Green under certain penalties of the law, therefore,

Moved by Jas. Kennedy, seconded by Hugh Reid, That on account of certain destructive field pests the use of Paris Green is indispensable to the farmers in the profitable cultivation of the potato crop especially, and that it must be had as heretofore at the cheapest rates and in the most convenient places possible, and further it is alleged that the danger of the poison to the public is not any lessened by being handed over the counter of the druggist only, while it is likely that by the exercise of the exclusive right vested in Pharmaceutists, there might be an uncomfortable difference in the price and convenience to the farmer; that the press be furnished with a copy of the above preamble and motion forthwith.—Carried.

Bro. Glazebrook read a resolution proposing to publish a large quantity of circulars containing the general principles of the Order, for circulation among the public.

Moved by G. B. Miller, seconded by H. Glendenning, That the matter of Bro. Glazebrook's resolution be referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order.—Carried.

Bro. T. S. McLeod read report No. 2 of Committee appointed to name Standing Committees as follows :

Committee on Agriculture—Bros. Trull, Brock, O'Neill, Glazebrook, Lindsay.

Committee on Social Entertainment—Sisters Nelles, Woods, VanCamp, Trull, Bro. Woods.

Committee on Good of the Order—Bros. Nelles, Currie, Tolmie, Sisters Nelles, Lethbridge.

Committee on Education—Bros. Kennedy, Currie, Sisters Lethbridge, Trull, Robinson.

Committee on Claims and Grievances—Bros. Lethbridge, McMordie, W. P. Patterson.

Committee on House and Home—Sisters VanCamp, Clark, Trull, Nelles, Garbutt, Bro. Glendenning.

Committee on Finance—Bros. Hughes, Malcolm, McManus, D. Patterson, John McIntyre.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Wm. Brock, That report No. 2 of Committee appointed to name Standing Committees be received and adopted.—Carried.

Bro. A. J. Hughes read report No. 2 of Credential Committee as follows :

"Second report of Committee on Credentials, containing names of members arrived since last report.

NAME.	DIV.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.
John Tolmie,	7,	Bruce,	Tiverton.
Robt. McMordie,	24,	Huron,	Rippen.
Robert Currie,	27,	"	Wingham.
S. A. Nelles,	3,	Lincoln.	Grimsby.
Mrs. S. A. Nelles,	"	"	"
John McIntyre,	2,	Bruce,	Paisley.
Wm. Clark,	16,	Caledon,	Orangeville.
Mrs. W. Clark,	"	"	"
H. Reid,	2,	Grey,	Anan.
J. Trull,	14,	Durham.	Oshawa.
Mrs. J. Trull,	"	"	"
G. B. Miller,	25,	Ontario,	Uxbridge.
L. Cheyne,	9,	Peel,	Brampton.
Mrs. L. Cheyne.	"	"	"
Wm. O'Neill,	34,	Victoria,	Lindsay.

NAME.	DIV.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICE.
Mrs. W. O'Neill,	34,	Victoria,	Lindsay.
J. C. Duncan,	5,	Lambton,	Osborne.
David Patterson,	26,	Wentworth,	Coptown.
Thos. Rezin,	37,	Simcoe,	Stayner.

Moved by R. Wilkie, seconded by A. J. Hughes, That report No. 2 of Credential Committee be received and adopted.—Carried.

Bro. R. Wilkie, Worthy Treasurer, read his official report.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange :

Your Treasurer begs leave to submit the following Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year 1882 :

		To amount balance as per last audit	...	\$1076 13
Jan. 30		Cash from Secretary	..	63 53
		“ “	..	136 47
		Cheques paid by Secretary	..	722 21
Feb. 3		By cash paid W. P. Page, Dominion Grange dues	\$439 14	
6		“ D. L. Layton, P. O. box for Sec'y	1 50	
		“ W. K. Ireland, com. on stamps...	1 45	
		“ John McDonald, trunk for books	1 50	
		A. Gifford, on sal. Secretary O. P. Grange	191 67	
7		Watson & McLaren, circulars	.. 1 50	
		R. Walker & Son, ribbons for badges	.. 5 35	
		Hawkins, paper for Grange	.. 1 40	
		Wm. Mowbray, as auditor	.. 14 65	
9		Jabel Robinson on Ex. Committee	.. 4 00	
		A. J. Hughes “	.. 4 00	
		A. Gifford “	.. 2 50	
		Thos. S. McLeod, auditor	.. 4 00	
11		A. J. Hughes, Ex. Committee work	.. 7 00	
12		Delegates to Provincial Grange	.. 603 41	
18		Jabel Robinson, as Master and Ex. Com.	.. 27 00	
		R. Wilkie, salary as Treasurer	.. 25 00	
		J. P. Bull, for hall and caretaker	.. 21 00	
		Mrs. Nelles, expense conferring degrees...	.. 14 05	
		John Rutherford, paper and printing	.. 7 50	
April 21		W. N. Harris, copying press	.. 7 00	
May 1		L. Cheyne, Dom. Grange dues 1st quarter	230 16	
		2 To cash from Secretary	.. 100 00	
		cheques paid by Secretary	.. 237 16	
June 5		By cash paid McMillan & Co. for printing	.. 40 00	
July 10		Watson & McMillan, printing	.. 11 50	
13		J. Robinson on Ex. Committee	.. 12 30	
		A. J. Hughes, “	.. 8 00	
		A. Gifford, “	.. 13 00	
		“ on salary	.. 100 00	
Aug. 16		W. Harkness, envelopes for Ceres	.. 0 75	
Sept. 19		McMillan & Co., printing circulars	.. 21 00	
29		L. Cheyne, Dom. Grange dues 2d quarter	133 70	
		To cheque paid by Secretary	.. 340 25	
Brought forward			...\$1955 03	\$2675 75

	Carried forward	...\$1955 03	\$2675 75
Oct. 20	By paid McMillan & Co., blank receipt book ..	0 75	
Nov. 7	L. Cheyne, Dom. Grange dues 3d quarter	74 79	
Dec. 30	A. Gifford, balance of salary as Secretary	123 96	
	To cheques paid by Secretary	..	199 50
	cash from Secretary	...	250 00
	interest on bank account	..	25 20
	By cash balance on hand	... 995 92	
		\$3150 45	\$3150 45

All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) R. WILKIE.

Ordered, That the foregoing report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Bro. A. J. Hughes, submitted Report of Executive Committee of Ontario Provincial Grange as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to submit the following report, and in so doing are happy to congratulate the Order upon its continued success, as also the awakening of a greater interest in the objects to be accomplished by its labors.

The duties devolving upon us as a committee during the past year have been of a lighter character than usual and relating mainly to matters of routine.

The first matter engaging our attention, after making the necessary provision for the efficiency of the Secretary's office, was the readjustment of the electoral districts in accordance with the amendments made at last session of Dominion Grange as well as those caused by the changes in the Granges composing the said districts.

Although your committee endeavor to the best of their ability to make the readjustment as equitable as possible, they were notwithstanding led to believe from the many representations made during the year, that a strong desire prevailed for a more direct representation and connection between the Dominion and Provincial Granges with the Subordinates, as also greater liberty regarding the technical boundaries of said latter Granges.

Wherefore, in order to meet these views and to prevent any legal obstructions that might arise to interfere with the fullest liberty being enjoyed by the members, at the annual session for amending the laws governing our body in that respect, your committee took the precaution to give the following notices of amendments to constitution, which they trust will be ample to meet the desires of all interested, viz.:

1st. To so amend that representation shall be direct from Subordinate to Provincial and Dominion Granges.

2d. That all reports from Subordinate Granges shall go direct to Provincial Grange, and all communication go direct from Dominion and Provincial Granges to Subordinates.

3rd. That the working of Division Granges shall be left entirely in the hands of the Subordinate Granges interested.

4th. That dues from Subordinate Granges shall be reduced to 5 cents per quarter when sent direct to Provincial Grange.

5th. That the present system of defining jurisdiction shall be dispensed with and Granges may be permitted to organize and meet where it will best suit their convenience.

At the last annual session our attention was seriously engaged in the endeavor to secure the removal of the obnoxious market fee laws; and now we are able to congratulate the Grange upon the almost total abolishment of said laws; although upon the first passage of the Act relating thereto an interpretation was placed upon one clause, and acted upon in some instances, which seriously militated against the interests and conveniences of the farmers. Your committee, upon observance of such action, at once drew the attention of the Commissioner of Agriculture to said clause, and it has since been so amended that our farmers now practically enjoy the benefits of a free market, many of the larger cities having removed all restrictions relating thereto. In accordance with our past custom, we communicated with the Agricultural and Arts Association relative to placing a reception tent upon the grounds at their annual exhibition. Our request was met in the most cordial manner as well as a liberal grant made us towards defraying the expenses of arranging for an excursion to said fair. Although not anticipating any pecuniary benefit to the Grange, yet we felt it our duty as well as a privilege to unite our efforts with those of the Association for the benefit of the agricultural interests, as well as an encouragement and stimulus to the members of our Order in that section of the Province. The weather prevailing during the exhibition was of the most unfavorable character and seriously interfered with the otherwise anticipated benefits, yet we trust our efforts and labors were not altogether lost. The expenses incurred in excess of the grant given was only the nominal sum of \$7.75, and as the project was undertaken jointly by the Provincial and Dominion Granges the above amount was paid by the latter body.

Another matter upon which we are pleased to report is the continued success of the G. W. Supply Co., and the introduction of the feature of the disposal of grain through the medium of said Company. The manager, Worthy Bro. W. N. Harris, in order the more efficiently to perform these duties, became a member of the Com. Exchange, and it is a pleasure to report that the transactions and experiences thus far have been productive of satisfaction and profit to the members availing themselves of the advantages thus offered, and affords another illustration of the benefits of co-operation as taught by our Order.

In conclusion, brethren, we would desire to impress upon you the importance of well-considered action in the legislation of our body, for, as this is in accord with the principles of equality and justice, so may we by united efforts in the future as in the past, yield a beneficial influence upon the legislation of our province and country.

All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) A. J. HUGHES.

On motion, the report of the Executive Committee was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Worthy Master requested delegates who had their suggestions prepared to hand them in at once so that they might be referred to the respective committees.

The Worthy Master requested that the names of Bros. Kennedy and Van-Camp be added to the Committee on Legislation, to which the Grange consented.

Bro. T. S. McLeod submitted report No. 3 of Committee appointed to name Standing Committees, naming the following a Committee on Temperance:—Bros. Hughes, McManus, Sisters Garbutt, O'Neil, Woods.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Wm. Brock, That report No. 3 of Committee to strike Standing Committees be received and adopted.—Carried.

After a short time spent in a general discussion on topics of interest to the Order, the Grange closed to meet at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14th, 1883.

Morning session opened at 9.25 a.m. by the Worthy Master.

The Secretary read first day's proceedings, which were received and adopted.

Bro. C. Moffatt reported his arrival as delegate for Division No. 43 and handed in suggestions from that Division

Bro. J. Kennedy submitted report of Committee on Education.

At the request of the Worthy Master the Grange decided that the report of the Committee on Education should be read clause by clause.

Bro. Kennedy, Chairman of the Committee, proceeded to read report clause by clause.

In answer to a question respecting the recording of motions relative to the adoption of the various clauses in a report when being considered clause by clause, the Worthy Master ruled, it was only necessary that the motion for the final adoption of the report, should appear on the minutes of the Secretary.

Bro. A. J. Hughes requested permission to read report No. 3 of Committee on Credentials as follows :

Report No. 3 of Committee on Credentials. Your Committee beg leave to report the following delegates not previously reported as members of this Provincial Grange: J. D. McVickie, Divs. 45 and 50; Chas. Moffatt, Div. 43; Mrs. C. Moffatt, Div. 43; W. P. Patterson, Div. 7; R. J. Doyle, Div. 2; John Ramsay, Divs. 6 and 38.

All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) A. J. HUGHES.

ELI MERKLEY.

ROBT. WILKIE.

Moved by Bro. Hughes, seconded by Bro. Merkley, That the report of the Committee on Credentials just read be received and adopted.—Carried.

Bro. Kennedy resumed reading report of Committee on Education, which, on motion made by Bro. Kennedy, seconded by Bro. Shepley, was finally adopted as follows :

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that so far as we are competent to judge, the common schools of our land offer facilities for education second to none in the world.

In this respect certainly the Government has done its best, and it is strongly urged that parents and guardians utilize advantages essential to the development of character, and as guides in the conduct of men.

Your committee have been informed that in many cases country School Superintendents do not perform their duties. Your committee can only urge that the authorities to whom such officials are responsible should be requested as the case may be to look into their conduct.

As far as possible systematic instruction should be provided for the youth of our country, especially in rural districts, especially for youth approaching manhood, by way of lectures on scientific subjects, night schools and debating clubs.

It is again urged that where pupils have attained to sufficient maturity the study of the rudiments of chemistry and natural philosophy in connection with agricultural chemistry should be taught in country schools.

Your committee cannot too strongly urge the importance of sanitary science as an essential branch or subject in common school education. To know how to be healthy is certainly of more importance than to know how to get rich, at least in a practical way, hence sanitary science should be taught in our common

schools as of more importance than grammar, geography or any of the kindred branches.

Your committee are of opinion that it should require a two-thirds vote of the ratepayers of a school section to locate a school site.

Your committee wish to record their indebtedness to brethren sending up suggestions from Division Granges, and would suggest that the Grange be utilized in that direction as great good must accrue from information derived from so reliable a source.

(Signed)

JAMES KENNEDY.

Sister S. A. Nelles submitted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSE AND HOME.

TORONTO, Feb. 13th, 1883.

To the Worthy Master of Ontario Provincial Grange :

We, your Committee on House and Home, beg leave to report as follows :

A house is a building erected for a great variety of purposes, and built of various materials, and furnished with modern improvements, give employment to various branches of industry. The builder must employ the architect to design his house, the mason must erect the walls, the carpenter must lay the floors, make the door and window frames and all the woodwork, the glazier must put in the window panes and other glass required, the hardware manufacturer finds a market for many kinds of iron-work, the painter exercises his calling in every part of the building, and in his turn comes the plasterer, followed by the paper-hanger, upholsterer, and other artisans until the house stands furnished and ready for its occupants.

It may now be called home, and here we find life's path is full of stepping-stones. Many instances could be cited of mighty emperors and great statesmen rising from the humble cottage to the highest position in their country through the influence of the mother's love and training. The influences which operate upon the human being in the home in which he is reared are the most powerful of all to which he is subjected. It is really the home influence which influences the world, for it is in the homes of our childhood that those principles of conduct and action are imbibed which we carry with us into active life. How greatly are they mistaken who think that the social progress depends entirely upon the laws of the land! Give us the very best of laws if the homes are not happy, if the children of whom society is to be made up are not rightly trained and instructed the result will be worthless.

In the education of youth it is not the wisest plan to continually bring faults to light, discussing and reprimanding them. It is better to encourage and stimulate them by kind notice and liberal praise. Courtesy at home ought to be more cultivated than it is. It is the true inborn politeness of the heart that will make a man carry his mother the book she has expressed a desire to read, invite his sister to a pleasant walk or drive, assist the younger members with their lessons, watch the plates at table and assist them with what is within their reach, and refrain from any rudeness, sarcasm or vulgarity that can wound the heart or ears. Happy is the home where selfishness and jealousy are not allowed to enter and where gentle forbearance and courtesy are the rule of all.

(Signed)

Sister Mrs. NELLES, Flora.

" " L. VANCAMP, Ceres.

" " W. CLARK.

" " TRULL.

" " G. GARBUTT.

Bro. H. GLENDENNING.

Moved by H. Glendenning, seconded by J. C. Shepley, That the report of the Committee on House and Home be received and adopted.—Carried.

Bro. L. Cheyne read the

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Ontario Provincial Grange:

We, your auditors, have examined the books of your Secretary and Treasurer, with their various vouchers, and are pleased to state that we find them in both instances correct in all particulars, shewing the total receipts in the Treasurer's books \$3150.45, total expenses \$2154.53, leaving a balance of \$995.92 in the hands of the Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) L. CHEYNE.

Toronto, Feb. 14th, 1883.

A. J. HUGHES.

Moved and seconded, That the Auditors' Report be received and adopted.—Carried.

A discussion arising respecting the wording of a resolution recommending the appointment of Bro. Bettie to a position in the Senate, it was decided to refer it to a committee for resubmission during the afternoon session.

Moved and seconded, That business be suspended until 2 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2.10 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Worthy Master took the chair.

A communication from the Secretary of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition respecting the setting apart of a special day at their coming exhibition for the attendance of the Grange was received and read by the Secretary.

Moved by Bro. H. Glendenning, seconded by Bro. G. B. Miller, That the communication from the Secretary of the Industrial Exhibition be favorably received and referred to the Executive Committee.

Moved by H. Glazebrook, seconded by Thos. Reazin, That it is desirable that the auxiliary institutions of the Grange be located in Toronto.

Moved by G. B. Miller, seconded by H. Glendenning, in amendment, That the resolution now before this Grange, be referred to the Committee on Insurance.—Carried.

Bro Thomas S. McLeod read report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by Wm. Brock, That the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be considered clause by clause.—Carried.

The chairman proceeded to read the report clause by clause, which, after various amendments, was received as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange:

We, your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, beg to report:

1st. That after a careful consideration of the suggestions laid before us, we cannot recommend the adoption of the resolution handed us by Division 17. that the Dominion Grange should be empowered to confer the sixth degree, believing that to be a privilege belonging only to members of Provincial Granges.

2nd. A suggestion has been handed in proposing that Division Granges should receive a larger portion of our fund. While admitting the importance of Division Granges, we would recommend that no change be made in the Constitution with regard to the division of funds until it shall have been determined whether the Dominion Grange shall continue to exist as it is or not.

3rd. District No. 22 suggests direct representation from each Division, but your committee, believing that the law as it now stands has the effect of stimulating weak Divisions to greater activity, cannot advise any change.

4th. Ontario Division suggests that the tax of 25 cents per head per annum on junior members should not be charged, a proposal that your committee cannot recommend as we believe it would be very imprudent to comply with such a request.

5th. In accordance with the resolution of Bro. Doyle adopted by the Provincial Grange, we would suggest that we should retain Provincial Granges, but that the Dominion Grange be composed of a less number of delegates than at present, that delegates be nominated by Provincial Granges and be elected by Division Granges, and in addition to the above, that the meetings of said Dominion Grange should be held in Ottawa during the session of the Dominion Parliament.

6th. Your committee would also advise that that part of the Constitution which exacts capitation tax as well as initiation fee from the newly-initiated members for the whole quarter in which initiation occurs, be repealed.

7th. Bro. Glazebrook suggests that it is advisable to discontinue the use of the regalia, and advises the adoption of a ribbon to be worn in the hat. Your committee, while they object to the proposed manner of wearing the ribbon, would advise the adoption of a badge similar to that worn in Dominion and Provincial Granges instead of the regalia.

8th. Division No. 48 suggests that dues should be forwarded half-yearly instead of quarterly, a proposal which we think would act injuriously to the best interests of our Order, and therefore cannot recommend.

9th. A suggestion was also handed in that the initiation fees be reduced and that each Subordinate Grange be allowed to regulate their own quarterly dues, but your committee do not think it advisable to so make any alteration in the Constitution as it now stands with regard to fees and dues.

10th. South Simcoe Division suggests that any attempt to allow members other than delegates to hold office in Division, Provincial or Dominion Granges be opposed, a suggestion most cordially endorsed by your committee.

11th. Also that that clause in the Constitution which requires six months' notice to be given before an alteration in the constitution be made, be repealed.

All which is respectfully submitted. (Signed) THOS. S. McLEOD.

JAS. C. DUNCAN.

W. J. WOODS.

Moved by T. S. McLeod, seconded by W. J. Woods, That the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be received and adopted.—Carried,

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by Geo. Lethbridge, That the Secretary be requested to furnish a detailed statement of the names and numbers of all Division Granges that are in good standing constitutionally, as also the names and numbers of all Granges not in good standing.—Carried.

Bro. R. McMordie read the following report of Committee on Claims and Grievances :

TORONTO, Feb. 14th, 1883.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES.

We, your committee, beg leave to report, That we have fully considered the grievance complained of by Beaver Valley Division Grange, and add our regret that an unpleasant controversy has existed for some time between Bros. Page, Harris and Doyle, which militates against the best interests of our Order, and

would earnestly urge upon those brothers to bury their differences before the Grange, and hereafter cultivate a more charitable feeling towards each other.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

ROBERT McMORDIE.
GEORGE LETHBRIDGE.
ROBERT CURRIE.

Report ordered to be received and adopted.

Bro. H. Glazebrook read report of Committee on Agriculture, which, on motion was referred back to the Committee with leave to report to-morrow morning.

Moved by John McMannus, seconded by S. A. Nelles whereas it ought to be recognised as a fundamental principle of a free Government based on representative institutions that as far as practicable all important interests and sections of our common country should be fairly represented in the different branches of Legislature.

And whereas the important interests this Provincial Grange represents has nos a sufficient representation at the present day in the Senate of Canada.

And whereas there are now several vaciencies in the Senate to be filled we deem it within our duty and privilege to respectfully present our views to the Dominion Government.

Be it therefore resolved that Provincial Grange in their annual meeting assembled respectfully but earnestly call the attention of the *First Minister of the Crown* to the fact that notwithstanding the large and intelligent constituency which this Provincial Grange represents in this great Agricultural Province of Ontario there is not in the Senate of Canada a Granger—not even a practical farmer whether associated with us or not and that in view of that fact, the first opportunity should be taken to give the Grangers of Ontario such representation in the Senate of Canada as they believe they are entitled to as a large and influential section of the general community. And to that end we the members of Ontario Poovincial Grange representing over 20,000 of the prominent farmers in the Province and composed of both political Parties unitedly press upon the attention of the Government the expediency of filling as many of the vacancies now existing in the Senate as possible by representative farmers. And would strongly recommend that one of such vacancies be filled by the appointment of our Worthy Brother Wm. C. Beaty, Esq., of Ashdale Farm in the County of Halton, assuring the Government that such appointment will be highly acceptable to us as an indication that our interests are not wholly ignored in the Councils of the Nation,—Carried.

Moved and seconded, That work be suspended until to-morrow, then to commence again at 9 o'clock a.m.—Carried.

ASSEMBLY ROOM, Feb. 15th, 1883.

MORNING SESSION,

9:30 A.M.

Grange resumed business, Worthy Master Robinson in the chair.

The Secretary read second days proceedings.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Shepley, seconded by Bro. Wm. Clark, That the minutes be received and adopted as read.—Carried.

Moved by R. Wilkie, seconded by T. S. McLeod, That the thanks of this Provincial Grange are due and are hereby tendered to Bros. W. P. Page and W. N. Harris, for the satisfactory manner in which the proceedings of last meeting were carried into effect.—Carried.

Bro. A. J. Hughes read the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE :

We, your committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report :

1st.—That it is an uncontrovertible fact that the use and abuse of alcoholic stimulants are productive of the most serious consequences to the welfare of our country.

2nd.—As members of the Grange organization the leading principle of which is the “development of a higher and better state of manhood and womanhood among us.” We consider that any legislation or movement having for its object the lessening of the evils of intemperance should have our most hearty support and influence, we would therefore, recommend to our members of rising superior to party ties in the advancement and support of any movement having for its object that desirable end. In our opinion one means contributive to this end to which we ask your careful consideration is the separation as far as possible of the liquor trade from all other interests, also more stringent regulations regarding the sale of intoxicating beverages to minors.

We would also express in the strongest possible terms our entire disapproval of the social habit of treating, which prevails throughout our country, and would urge upon our members to use their influence against this pernicious system.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

MRS. J. GARBUTT,
MRS. W. J. WOODS;
MRS. W. O'NEIL,
JOHN McMANNUS,
A. J. HUGHES.

Moved by A. J. Hughes, seconded by J. Ramsay, That the report of the Committee on Temperance be received and adopted.—Carried.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by R. McMordie, That in the opinion of the Grange, some steps should be taken to secure a proper list of Granges in good standing in the Province of Ontario.—Carried.

An invitation having been received from the Mayor of the city to visit various places of interest. It was

Moved by R. McMordie, seconded by R. J. Doyle, That the invitation of the Mayor of the City be accepted and a Committee two be appointed to wait upon him and ascertain at what time it would be most convenient to receive those who might wish to avail themselves of the invitation.—Carried.

Moved by A. J. Hughes, seconded by G. Lethbridge, That this Grange hereby accept the invitation given by the Lieutenant Governor to wait upon him at Government House this P. M. at 3 o'clock, and that the Grange adjourn from 3 to 4 P. M. for said purpose.—Carried.

Bro. Malcolm submitted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

We your Committee appointed for reporting on officers reports beg respectfully to submit the following :

1st —That the several reports placed in our hands give evidence of the efficiency of the officers of Provincial Grange,

We fully concur in the able address delivered by the Worthy Master and trust that he will be long spared an able advocate of the principles of the Grange.

From the Secretary's, Treasurer's and Auditors' reports we are pleased to notice that order is still continuing to prosper in the Province and that our financial condition is healthy. From general reports we are glad to learn that the Lecture Bureau has been a great success, and trust that more Granges will avail themselves of the services of those Lecturers.

We are also glad to hear that the duties of the Executive Committee have

been light during the year as this is a strong proof that the Grange is working harmoniously.

We would recommend that Master's, Secretary's, Executive Committees, and Auditors reports be printed with the proceedings of this meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

ALEX'R MALCOLM,
ELI MERKLY,
JAMES HOLMES,
P. W. NOXON.

Moved by A. Malcolm, seconded by A. J. Hughes, that the report of Committee on Officers' Reports be received and adopted.—Carried.

Moved by A. J. Hughes, seconded by John McMannus, that Bros. Cheyne and McMorde be the Committee to call upon his Worship the Mayor, in accord with Resolution submitted relative thereto.—Carried.

Moved by Sister Nelles, seconded by Bro. Glendenning, that in the opinion of this Grange application should be made to the Railway Companies of this Country, asking them to provide suitable cars for the conveyance of fruit fresh, so that it may not be destroyed in transportation.—Carried.

Moved by John Ramsay, seconded by R. J. Doyle, and Resolved, that the thanks of the Provincial Grange be hereby tendered to the Proprietors of the Mail Printing Company for their courteous invitation to visit their office.

Bro J. Kennedy submitted report of committee on Legislation.

It was ordered that Report be re-read clause by clause.

Moved and seconded, That the Grange suspend business until 2:30 o'clock p. m.—Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock.

Grange resumed business, the Worthy Overseer in the chair.

The Chairman of Committee on Legislation proceeded with the reading of the report of that Committee clause by clause as directed.

At 2:50 the Worthy Master and Secretary entered and took their seats.

Report of Committee on Legislation was finally read as follows and ordered to be received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION :

Your Committee appointed to report on the Amendments to the Laws affecting the interests of the farming community of Ontario, beg leave to report as follows :

1st. We are of the opinion that the Assessment Law needs amendment. We think all values should be assessed on an equality with Real Estate, for it appears as near as can be ascertained that Real Estate as distinguished from and compared with Capital pays an unequal proportion of seven-tenths of the entire tax of the country. All property Real and Personal, Individual and Corporate should be equally taxed, and that holders of Bonds, Stocks, Mortgages and other liens on property should be taxed for the full amount and value of such Bonds, Stocks, Mortgages and other liens as the case may be, and the owners of mortgaged estates for balance of value of such property.

Re COUNTY COUNCILS.

Your Committee think the law pertaining to County Councils is defective inasmuch as it provides for cumulative representation, the effect of the operation of which is an excessive representation altogether out of proportion to the work to be done and, per consequence, unnecessary expense. We find no fault with the Principle of Representation set out by the law, nor with the manner of doing County business, the fault is in excessive representation. The

remedy we think suggests itself, namely, a less representation, to consist of an equalized representation, of say in the proportion of one to each municipality.

Your Committee are of the opinion that whenever appeals are made against the voters' list the party so doing should be a resident ratepayer and a voter in the municipality, also that when the prosecutor fails to make out a case he should be liable for the costs.

We also believe that the amount charged by Sheriffs for mileage for the service of jurors could be saved and all the purposes of law served by letters to the juror from Sheriff's office through the post.

We believe that the Division Courts do not afford the right of appeal, corresponding to the rights of the subject.

Re LINE FENCES.

That when line fences through neglect or otherwise, of the parties concerned, happen to be partly on one and partly on the other, as the case may be, the law giving power to hold by right of possession should not prevent removal and standing said fence in proper place.

Re MARKET FEES.

The total abolition of market fees is recommended, because as the law stands now it inflicts a wrong on a class of the community who have not the privilege successfully to use their voice in their own defence.

Re LAW, MASTER AND SERVANTS.

The farm servant should have the first lien on the proceeds of his labor and be made responsible to his master as under the former law of Canada.

We think it would be of great benefit if the Ontario Statutes were sent to the Secretaries of all the Subordinate Granges to be kept in the libraries for reference. We would therefore suggest that the Executive Committee of the Provincial Grange memorialize the Government to this effect.

Resolved, That the present system of grading Barley is unsatisfactory and this Grange recommends the Dominion Grange to make every effort in their power to bring about a more satisfactory system.

Resolved, That this Provincial Grange petition the Government to so amend the Assessment Law that all properties be assessed during the summer months and only once in three years instead of yearly as at present.

NOTE.—Referring to the foregoing Report it will be observed that it is unsigned by any member of the Committee, but is published as handed in, though the Executive Committee feel assured that some of the subject matter varies considerably from the views of the Grange as expressed by Amendments made at the time the Report was under consideration.—SEC.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by Robert McMordie, That this Provincial Grange are of the opinion that our constitution should be so amended as to provide for a few general laws to secure uniformity of work, allowing each Provincial Grange to enact their own special laws providing they were not inconsistent with the general laws of the Dominion Grange.—Carried.

Bro. Glazebrook submitted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

We, your Committee on Commercial Relations, beg to report that our manager and employees in Toronto have done a large and increasing business, but by no means such a large one as they might have done, and would have done if every member of the order could be induced to realize the benefits of co-operation and the fact that the Grange wholesale supply Co. is not some independent Company, but that the manager and employees of that Company are simply our servants who purchase from the manufacturers and wholesale dealers such stores as we require and distribute them to us according to order. They also

sell such produce as we send them and in this branch have done a considerable business, amounting to somewhere about \$10,000 in the twelve months. We would urge upon the members the advisability of taking up the Stock not already allotted and doing all their business through our own Company, since so long as we have our own servants capable of doing our business it seems useless to employ a large army of extra hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

H. GLAZEBROOK,
Wm. BROCK.

Moved and seconded, That the foregoing report be received and adopted.—Carried.

Bro. J. McMannus asked for information respecting the licensing of Steam Threshers by the Insurance Company.

Bro. Doyle, manager of the Insurance Company, answered explaining the efforts that were being made by Insurance Companies to secure uniform rates for the various Companies.

Moved by Sister Nelles seconded by Sister VanCamp, That this Provincial Grange suggest to each delegate that the subject of butter making be well discussed in their Subordinate Granges—not one night only, but that they thoroughly discuss this subject until more light is gleaned upon the manufacture of this important product of the farm. It is the opinion of a great many that the cellar has a great deal to do with the production of butter of good quality. Let the subordinate Granges report the results of their discussions to Division Granges, the delegates from which should in turn report to the Provincial Grange at its annual Session.—Carried.

Moved by G. B. Miller, seconded by A. J. Hughes, That the Ex-Committee secure a number of the last report of Agricultural College—sufficient to distribute among the Subordinate Granges.—Carried.

Moved by H. Reid, seconded by Wm. O'Neil—That the clauses of the reports on Legislation, Education and such clauses of constitutional changes of which no notice has been given, be printed and sent to the Subordinate Granges with a request that they shall pass their opinion on said changes in the form of yes or no, and that the report shall be returnable by the first of May, and that all changes be carried out unless a majority of Subordinate Granges in good standing do not approve of such clause.—Carried.

Bro. Wm. Eyres addressed the Grange for a short time respecting the difficulties existing in Woodville Grange.

Circumstances having occurred which made it desirable to defer attendance at Government House until 5 o'clock, it was decided on motion to adjourn business until 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange resumed business at 7:30 o'clock. Worthy Master Robinson in the chair.

Moved by Dr. James Kennedy, seconded by Charles Moffatt, That the most cordial thanks of the Provincial Grange of Ontario are hereby tendered to the Government of the Province of Ontario, who, from kindly consideration, have gratuitously given us the use of the Parliament Building, with all other necessary accommodations during the present session of the Grange.

That the Official Stamp of the Grange be attached hereto and forwarded to the Attorney General of Ontario by the Secretary, duly signed by the Worthy Master.—Carried.

Bro. S. A. Nelles submitted

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.

To the Worthy Master and Members of Ontario Provincial Grange :

Your Committee on good of the Order beg leave to report as follows :

In regard to suggestion of Bros. H. Glazebrook and VanCamp, "That it is advisable that a short statement of the objects and advantages of the Grange should be drawn up and that 30,000 copies of such statement should be printed and distributed to the members with a request that they will place it in the hands of their friends not already members of th Order, who are likely to be desirable acquisitions to the Institution," we strongly recommend that this be complied with and that the Executive Committee be authorized to get such circulars printed.

With regard to the request of Bro. Kennedy, we cannot recommend its adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

S. A. NELLES.

J. TOLMIE,

ROBERT CURRIE,

MRS. NELLES,

MRS. G. LETHBRIDGE.

On motion the Report of Committee on Good of the Order as amended was received, adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

read by Bro. Glazebrook :

To the Worthy Master and Patrons of Ontario Provincial Grange :

We, your Committee on Agriculture beg to report, That we must in the first place express our regret that no suggestions or requests on this subject have been handed in to us, and as the subject is a tolerably wide one it is somewhat difficult to know where to begin. We would strongly advise the general adoption of a more scientific system of farming and the general introduction of a better class of live stock. We believe that unless this is done we cannot raise ourselves to that position of independence at which we ought to aim. We would strongly urge upon all Granges the necessity of establishing for the use of its members a good library of standard works both on agriculture and on general subjects, that the members may learn the science of their calling and may see the necessity of adopting a proper rotation of crops, by which means alone the fertility of our lands can be sustained, and may attain that higher mental level which will fit them for filling those public offices to which they are justly entitled. We would call your attention to the following letter, and suggest that some action be taken in the premises :

RAPER P.O., Jan. 17th, 1883.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the last session of London Division Grange Bro. Pettit, of Belmont, an extensive bee-keeper shewed that some bee-keepers, especially Mr. Root, of Medina, Ohio, a publisher of a bee journal, were advocating the sewing of noxious weeds, particularly the blue thistle, (echium vulgare) for honey plants. From numerous complaints in different States in the Union, Bro. Pettit shewed that the weed was an exceedingly bad one and when once in the soil could scarcely ever be exterminated.

In consequence of the above shewing the following resolution passed the Grange :

That London Division Grange No. 1 learns with alarm and regret that certain bee-keepers, especially A. T. Root, of Medina, Ohio, advocates through his

journal, "Gleanings in Bee Culture," the cultivation of noxious weeds as honey plants, particularly the blue thistle.

By motion of the Grange a copy of this resolution was directed to be sent to our delegate to the Provincial Grange, requesting him to bring the matter to the notice of the Provincial Parliament, asking a law against importing seeds of the same. You will please attend to it at the Provincial Grange.

Yours fraternally,

J. M. KAISER, Sec. L. D. G.

We would suggest that in our opinion the time is come when more attention ought to be paid to the raising and fattening of cattle, as it has a tendency to greatly benefit our soil. We also suggest that we ought to acquire more information as to the soiling of cattle.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

H. GLAZEBROOK.

Moved and seconded, That the report of the Committee on Agriculture be received, adopted and engrossed on the minutes. —Carried.

Moved by H. Glendenning, seconded by J. C. Shepley, That the Executive Committee of Ontario Provincial Grange be a standing Committee on Legislation to look after all bills, and request that they be supplied with a copy before being submitted to the House of Assembly, and if anything conflicting with our interests should be brought before the House, that due and sufficient notice be sent to all Division Granges. —Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SALARIES AND EXPENSES :

We your Committee on the above beg leave to submit the following report, viz.:

1st. That the Secretary receive the sum of \$250 as remuneration for his services, with the recommendation that if reports are made direct from Subordinate Granges to Provincial Grange an increase of salary shall be given proportionate to the work added.

That the Worthy Master and Treasurer each receive the sum of \$25, in lieu of office expenses.

2nd. That the allowance to delegates attending the present session of the Ontario Provincial Grange shall be the sum of \$2 per day for each day's attendance at said Grange, and the Railway fare in travelling to and from said Grange.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JOHN McINTYRE.

A. J. HUGHES,

A. MALCOLM,

D. PATTERSON,

JOHN McMANNUS.

Moved and seconded, That Report of the Committee on Salaries and Expenses be received, adopted and engrossed on the minutes. —Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

Your Committee desire to report :

1st. That the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association have had a very prosperous year in 1882, the total losses being slightly over \$3000, or one-third that of 1881.

That the Cash reserve is now about \$22,000. The total capital being now nearly \$140,000, and the amount at risk being, on Jan. 1st last, over \$6,000,000, or nearly double as much as any other purely Mutual Insurance Company in Ontario.

Over \$300 was returned to members whose Policies expired in 1882.

2nd. Your Committee are pleased to be able to give so favorable a report and desire to recommend that members of the Order generally support their own Company.

(Signed)

JESSE TRULL,
R. J. DOYLE.

Moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by J. Trull, That the report of the Insurance Association be received, adopted and engrossed on the minutes.—Carried.

Moved by H. Reid, seconded by ——— That the Report of the Manager of the Dominion Grange Insurance Company do not pass but be referred back to the Insurance Committee, show that it is to be recommended above all other Companies.—Lost.

The Secretary having submitted a statement shewing that one hundred and forty Granges were not in good standing as defined by the constitution.

It was moved by R. J. Doyle, seconded by H. Glendenning, That the report of the Secretary be received and adopted and that the Master and Executive Committee make a special appeal by mail to all Granges not in good standing to pay up dues so that they may receive all the benefits of the Order.—Carried.

On motion it was ordered that the election of officers shall be proceeded with.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Newcome, Kennedy, and Lindsay as Scrutineers. And the election of officers was proceeded with and the following declared duly elected :

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“ Overseer,	P. W. Noxon,	Bloomfield.
“ Secretary,	A. Gifford,	Meaford.
“ Lecturer,	R. Currie,	Wingham.
“ Treasurer,	R. Wilkie,	Blenheim.
“ Chaplain,	W. J. Woods,	Smiths Falls.
“ Steward,	L. Van Camp,	Bowmanville.
“ Ass't Steward,	S. A. Nelles,	Grimsby,
“ Gatekeeper,	W. Brock,	Adelaid.

LADY OFFICERS.—Ceres—Mrs. G. Lethbridge ; Pomona—Mrs. S. A. Nelles ; Flora—Mrs. J. Garbutt ; L. A. Steward—Mrs. W. O'Neil.

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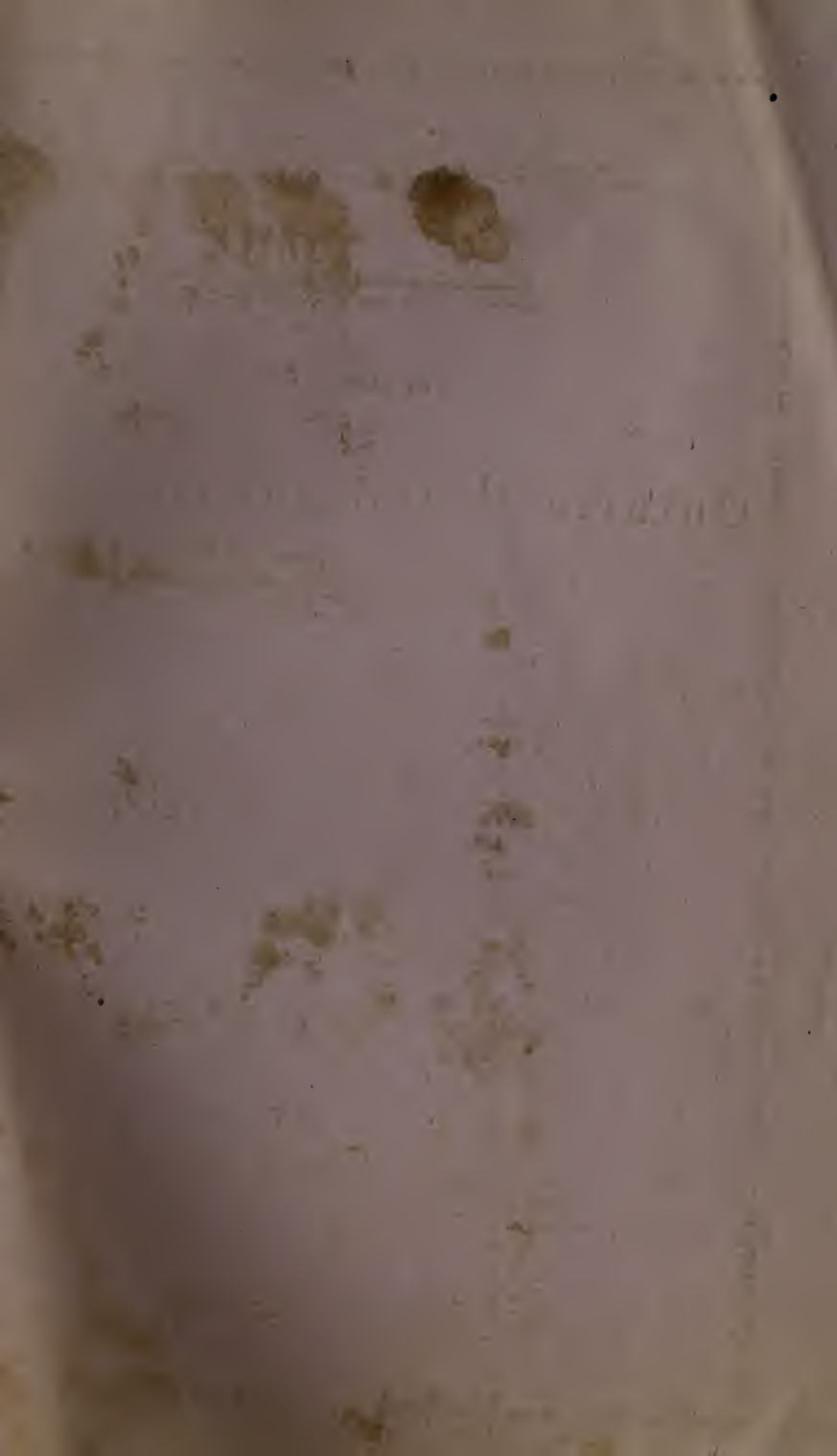
AUDITORS.—Bro. J. Tolmie, Tiverton ; Bro. G. B. Miller, Uxbridge.

DELEGATES TO DOMINION GRANGE.—Bros. Glendenning, Doyle, Nelles, Currie, Lethbridge, McLeod, Hughes, Brock, Robinson, Trull, Van Camp, Wilkie.

Moved and seconded that the thanks of this Grange are due and hereby tendered to Bro. J. Robinson, for his services in the chair.—Carried.

Moved and seconded That the next meeting of this Grange be held at the call of the Worthy Master.—Carried.

By request of the Worthy Master Bro. E. H. Hilborn installed the officers. Grange closed.





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